

Remarks:

In this Response and Amendment, claim 1 has been canceled and claims 2 -11 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is introduced by these amendments. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the canceled base claim 1. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is introduced by these amendments. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 2 -11, 12 – 21, 27 – 39 will remain pending and under consideration in this application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating allowability of claims 12 -21 and 27 – 39.

Objections

Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and the rejections of the claims that depend from claim 2, specifically claims 3-5, and 7-11 currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Waddell, U.S. Patent No. 6,464,104, and claim 6 currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Waddell is respectfully requested.

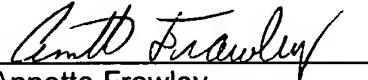
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the claims as all rejections have been overcome. Early notice of allowability is kindly requested. Please contact the undersigned if it will assist in expediting prosecution of these claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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